

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

But not Taken up

Extension of building of Chickballapur Municipal College

28 SRI C. V. VENKATARAYAPPA (Chickballapur).—Will the Minister for Municipal Administration and Political Pension be pleased to state :—

(a) the items of work executed towards construction of building by the Municipal College, Chickballapur since 1971 onwards and the amount involved in these works ; the estimated cost and expenditure incurred on each item ;

(b) whether the Engineer in charge of these works has certified that these works have been executed satisfactorily ;

(c) whether these works were sanctioned by the competent authority ;

(d) whether bills and estimates were scrutinised by the Audit staff ; if so, what are their remarks ?

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Municipal Administration and Political Pension).—

(a) *Vide* statement placed on the Table of the House. **

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. *Vide* note placed on the Table of the House. **

Reservation in promotional vacancies to S.Cs /S.Ts.

237 SRI J. L. KABADE (Ballolli).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there are any obstacles in reserving certain percentage of vacancies in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in promotional vacancies in the State Services in pursuance of the 20 point programme ;

(b) whether the Government of India have issued directions to the State Government to reserve certain percentage of promotional posts for these castes as has been done by Central Government in their Cadre and Recruitment Rules ;

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(c) whether it is proposed to take a decision in this behalf before March, 1977, in order to encourage and achieve the progress of these Castes ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) The matter is being examined.

(b) No.

(c) A decision will be taken as early as possible.

Smuggling of forest timber

259. SRI M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government is aware that forests in the State are being denuded by Contractors who fell trees indiscriminately and smuggle them outside the State ;

(b) if so, the action taken against such smugglers ;

(c) whether any such smugglers have been arrested and detained ; if so, the names of the smugglers and when they were arrested ;

(d) whether some of the smugglers of forest timber, who were detained have been released ; if so, the reasons for the same ?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to question (a) above.

(c) It is not advisable to reveal the names of the Timber Merchants in the public interest, even if they were arrested.

(d) Reply given to question (c) above stands.

Misappropriation cases in Forest Department, Mysore District

263. SRI K. SIDDARAH (Santhamarahalli).—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state —

(a) the number of cases of misappropriation pending before Government in Forest Department in Mysore District and the total amount involved during the last 3 years;

(b) out of them, the number of cases pending for more than 1 year and more than 3 years (to be given separately);

(c) the number of officers or officials kept under suspension pending enquiry for more than one year;